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In view of the importance of improving the means of communication within the Empire, a deputation representing the Empire Press Union waited upon the Postmaster-General (Mr. Neville Chamberlain) at the General Post Office on January 25th. The deputation was representative of newspapers published in all parts of the British Empire, in addition to all the Dominion news-casting agencies, and its object was to urge upon the Postmaster-General the necessity for an Empire wireless system, and to request a statement of Government policy in the matter. Mr. Chamberlain gave a sympathetic reply, but pointed out that the question of cost was one in which the Government as a whole were concerned, and a definite decision as to the Empire wireless station to be erected in this country had not yet been made. He was hopeful, however, that a decision would not be long delayed.

Viscount Burnham (President of the Empire Press Union), in introducing the deputation, said that the Empire Press Union was a newspaper organisation representing every part of the British Empire, with influential and representative branches in all the self-governing Dominions and India, and in most of the Crown Colonies. There was no public question about which the newspaper Press was more troubled than the progress of wireless communications. They regretted to believe that very little advance had been made since he presented a deputation to Lord Illingworth, the then Postmaster-General, on the same subject from newspaper bodies two years ago. They knew to their cost that although it was more than ten years since the first proposals were made to the Post Office for wireless communications within the Empire, at the present moment they were not of much service for the supply of news, and they believed that the interest of the public in attaining a speedy solution of the problem was not less than that of the newspapers. It was within their knowledge that the great stations at St. Asize, in France, Nauen in Germany, and elsewhere, were far bigger and more capable than anything which had so far been done in Great Britain. That gave a means and power of propaganda which we did not possess, and they did not like to see Great Britain out-distanced or excelled. What they were afraid of was not official inaction, but official paralysis brought about by conflict and disagreement between Great Britain, and the self-governing Dominions in the first place, and later, they feared, between the Government and the great organisations of private enterprise which had at the present moment so much of the equipment within their grasp. They knew that the Commonwealth of Australia and the Union of South Africa had made arrangements of their own with private corporations. They understood that the Dominion of Canada had definitely decided not to embark any public money in such a venture. The Indian Empire had given a qualified assent, but it was not known what had happened since. Altogether, they were very anxious as to the situation, and they wished humbly to represent that things could not go on at this slow pace, and that it was in the interests not less of the public than of the Press that a speedy agreement should be come to in regard to wireless communication within the Empire, which, of course, involved wireless communication outside. It was a matter of great urgency for newspapers, in view of the high cable rates which now prevailed. After the Imperial Press Conference of 1900 they were able to secure reductions which practically halved the cable rates throughout the Empire, but since then there had been additions which made telegraphic facilities less than they were. It was a matter of common expediency and desire to have facilities for the transmission of news and comment as cheap and as easy as possible, especially within the Dominions of the Crown. In House of Commons phraseology, the matter was one of urgent public importance.

AN IMPERIAL ASPECT.
Mr. Robert Donald, speaking as chairman of the Empire Press Union, said the big newspapers could always get news whatever it cost, but what they were faced with was the demand from other parts of the Empire for news from Great Britain. On the issue of propaganda to which Lord Burnham had referred, it was impossible to forget that the late Lord Northcliffe explained how struck he was on his world tour with the wireless propaganda by France, America, Germany, and Japan all over the Dominions and the Far East. That was not a satisfactory state of things, because poor newspapers were very glad to get news for nothing, and it might sometimes be news of a tendentious character. A further danger was that once claims were pegged out and vested interests created it was difficult to displace them. That was an imperial aspect that should not be overlooked.

Speeches were also made by Mr. Percy Eard, M.P. (Montreal Star); Mr. Taylor Darbyshire (Australian Press Association); Sir T. Bennett, M.P. (Times of India); Mr. N. K. Kerney (South Africa); and Mr. Algonson, Aspinall (West Indies).

Lord Burnham mentioned that at the last meeting of the council of the Empire Press Union, Sir Rodrick Jones stated that owing to the want of facilities for communication, we were running a grave risk of losing the place which London occupied as the clearing house for European news.

MR. N. CHAMBERLAIN'S REPLY.

Mr. N. Chamberlain, replying to the deputation, said he was peculiarly interested in imperial questions, and realised with special force the necessity for closer relations with the Dominions—social, political, and economic—and they could hardly fail to realise that for the promotion of these closer relations it was essential that there should be a cheap and abundant supply of communications. But questions of imperial policy, and particularly of wireless communications between different parts of the Empire, were questions which must always be decided by the Government as a whole. He took it that what the members of the deputation were anxious about was that something should be done. It did not matter how it was done, or by whom, so long as it was done and done quickly and efficiently. (Cheers.) He had been asked whether the policy of the Government had been modified by what had been done in some of the Dominions. The position now was that Australia had made her own arrangements for wireless from her end. South Africa had made her own arrangements. Canada had, he believed, also made some arrangements although they were probably not the complete arrangements which she would ultimately make. As to the arrangements which remained to be considered in Great Britain, it did not seem to him that there was any necessity that the station or group of stations to be established should be erected by the same people as those in the Dominions, so long as the station was suitable for transmitting and receiving such messages as it might be desired to exchange. That was a point on which the Governments of the Dominions would fix their attention, and on which Great Britain would have to satisfy them.

He had been asked whether the station which was to be erected in Great Britain would be of sufficient power to communicate with India, South Africa, and Australia. It was possible to communicate with those countries at certain times of the day and year by means of a very much smaller station than the one which had been suggested should be erected in this country.

Mr. Donald: Not on a commercial basis.

Mr. Chamberlain: That introduces a new feature; something beyond physical possibilities. Continuing, the Postmaster-General said that what the deputation really wanted to know was during how many hours of the day communications could be guaranteed, and at what rate. That brought in the commercial side. If a station could communicate for twelve hours out of the twenty-four it did not follow that to double the size of the station and double the cost they could communicate for the whole of the twenty-four hours. It would give some addition to the hours during which they could communicate, but the gain would be a comparatively small one. It came to this, that after they passed a certain point the size of the station and the cost of the station went up out of all proportion to the extra amount of time they could operate. On the capital cost would depend the annual charges; and they would, therefore, see where the commercial side came in. If they were not only to have an abundant supply of communications but a cheap one, they must not leave out of account the capital cost of the installation. On what was a very technical subject, the technicians were not in complete agreement. The present Government were reconsidering the policy of the late Government as to the method by which the installation of the station in Great Britain should be set up and operated. "Who shall find the money?" was a question which every Government had to ask itself, and the Government was not exempt from the rule. They had not yet come to a conclusion, and it was impossible for him to say exactly what would be the method in which the station in Great Britain would be erected, but he did not think that a decision would be very long delayed. There would then still remain the question of the size of the station to be put up.

It was a difficult and technical question. The art and science of wireless telegraphy were still only in their infancy. But they had to make up their minds. As business men they recognised that they could not allow this thing to drag on. But he reminded them it was not solely a matter of the amount of messages that could be got through; they must also consider what was to be the extra capital cost of any luxury they allowed themselves, and whether the prospects of the traffic to be obtained would justify them in going the full length at once. It was not proposed to include communication with Canada in the same station as that which was going to communicate with Australia, but it was a technical matter. What were called "atmospherics" appeared to interfere with the working of wireless differently in different parts of the world and at different times of the day. Consequently, for the efficient working of the wireless station in Great Britain the day would be divided up into periods, one period being devoted to communication with one part of the world and another period with another part, always choosing the period so as to coincide with that part of the day when the atmospheric conditions were most suitable.

In his opening remarks Lord Burnham spoke of his anxiety lest there should be in the future conflict and disagreement with the Dominions over the question of wireless. He would be distressed if he thought there was any ground for such a belief. No request had been received from any Dominion that we should put up a station of any particular type. All that they would ask was that what we did here should be of such a type that it would be a suitable complement to what they were proposing to do in their countries. If we were able to satisfy them on that point they would feel that they had no cause for complaint.

Lord Burnham thanked the Postmaster-General for having received the deputation, and the proceedings concluded.

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known coolie who was knocked down and
killed by a tram-car in Des Vaux Road
West on the 10th inst. The proceedings
were conducted by Mr. J. R. Wood, with
the assistance of a Jury comprising
Messrs. H. O. Shrubsole (foreman), H.
A. Ahwee, and Wong Kwong Tin.

Mr. Wood intimated that "Dr. Mc-
Kenney, who was to have given medical
evidence in the case, had fallen ill, so
that his evidence would have to be dis-
pensated with for that day. The rest of
the evidence would be taken, and the
enquiry would be adjourned till the doc-
tor was fit to appear.

Mr. M. H. Turner watched the pro-
ceedings on behalf of the Hongkong
Tramway Company.

The first witness called was Kwok Kuan
Tai, driver of the tram-car. He stated
that the accident took place at a point
between Eastern Street and Wing Lok
Street, at about 10.24 p.m. The tram-
car was going in a Westerly direction, at
a speed of between seven and ten miles
an hour. The machinery was set "in the
fourth notch." The deceased crossed
from the south side of the road to the
north side, and the first the witness saw
of him was on the other tramline. He
sounded his foot gong incessantly, and
put on the emergency brake. Deceased
was about a car's length away from him,
and when he was struck he was almost
clear of the line. The left hand side of
the tram-car was the side that hit him
and he was thrown clear into the road.

Mr. A. K. Henderson, an electrical
engineer in the employ of the Tramway
Company, said the tram-car was rather
more than 20 feet long. The mechanism
was in good working condition both the
morning before and the morning after
the tragedy. The average speed of cars
at this point was about seven miles per
hour.

In reply to Mr. Wood's witness said
that when a car was in the "fourth
notch," theoretically it should travel at
a maximum speed of 10.75 miles an hour,
though in actual practice this speed work-
ed out at more like seven to ten miles.
The emergency brake was a magnetic one,
and when applied should pull the car
up within 40 feet.

Mr. A. D. Course, traffic Superintendent,
said all the motormen employed by
the tramway were instructed to use the
magnetic brake in case of emergency.

Mr. Hung Powark, a broker, of Shelley
Street, who was a first class passenger in
the car at the time, said on hearing the
conductor clang the bell a number of
times, he became curious and stood up to
see what was the matter. He saw the
deceased on the tramline and called out
to him: "Do you want to be killed
before the New Year?" Witness expressed
the opinion that the deceased was
standing in the middle of the line with
the object of making the car slow up so
that he could jump on, and he was struck
by the handle. Witness said that this
was a common practice with coolies.

The evidence of the conductor was
heard, and the case adjourned.

A CHILD'S PRIMER OF

THINGS CHINESE.

SQUEEZE.

We early learn'd, at Sun-day School,

That mortal failings, as a Rule,

Divided are, Sins of Omission,

And then, again, those of Commission.

The latter kind, in bus-ness Sense,

Afford the Chinese Scope immense.

They think such Sins quite venial;

And, on the low-est Mon-i-ol,

Can find some one who's lower, still,

Whom he can "squeeze" for Good or Ill.

My Child, the Ter-min-ol-o-gy

Re-quires an A-pol-o-gy.

All Gold-Brick Artists, and their ilk,

Are very often said to "milk."

Their Victims; but they never, please,

Such Milking fin-ish'd, start to

"squeeze!"

And yet, as practis'd by Chi-ness,

The term is apt. And, at their knees,

We all might learn just how to Graft.

When Home Bo-formers drove us daft.

With their Ex-poses-ures I have laugh'd,

And thought it might them all en-

heart-en.

To know that, in the Kind ex-gart-en,

We West-erns are, in Things like this,

And dwell, al-most, in Six-les Bliss!

Full many House I have be-gild'd

In turning-out these Verses, Child.

My Task is end-ed. Out of Breath,

My Muse re-claims-eth. Squeeze'd to Death!

—R.R.L.F. in the Peking and Tientsin

Times.

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Out of doors there is nothing so restful

and comfortable for the eyes as the light

reflected from green fields and trees, the

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rays by the chlorophyll of the leaves;

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duced in several shades, and lenses made
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either regular or Toric forms are manu-
factured by the Hongkong Optical Co.,
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THEATRICAL EXPERIMENT.

BETTER PRODUCTIONS FOR THE EAST!

The Courtneidge-Holloway Company
are paying a fortnight's visit to Singa-
pore and the Federated Malay States,
after successful seasons at Calcutta and
the leading cities of India. The Com-
pany which is under the direct super-
vision of Mr. W. E. Holloway, who part-
ners Mr. Robert Courtneidge in this en-
terprise, seeks to create a higher stand-
ard of stage entertainment in the East.
It is the view of Mr. Holloway and Mr.
Courtneidge that Eastern audiences will
enthusiastically support a really com-
petent company with a repertoire consist-
ing exclusively of recent London successes;
and that the extra cost of engaging ex-
clusively first class players is a sound
investment, once the public has been
educated to the fact that they will receive
good value for their money. "It is an
experiment," Mr. Holloway explained to a
Free Press representative. "The
tour arose really out of a little holiday
trip Courtneidge paid to Australia, when
he took a Company with him, and we
want to see whether it is economically
possible to bring to the East companies
and plays of a true London standard.
To achieve that standard we have engaged
well-known artists, who have reputations
to lose, and there are eight leading
artists in the Company. The result is
that the best possible interpretation is
given of each of the leading parts. All
of us could probably go through the
parts, but we could not give to them the
personality which can be imparted to it
by a player who is peculiarly fitted for
that part. For instance, I play Abraham
Lincoln, but if I were to play Ambrose
Applejohn you would probably throw
your seats at me; while if George Zucco
played Lincoln, you would say "Why"
and get up and leave the theatre."

THE MAIN DIFFICULTIES.
"Expenses are naturally high on an
"eastern tour," Mr. Holloway stated.
"The main difficulties are the high cost
of travelling and transport, the time
wasted in travelling from one place to
another, and the necessity of a large re-
pertoire. If we were to bring all the
time to produce a play exactly as we
should like to, it would mean bringing
something like six hundred tons of prop-
erties, and we should need a whole
steamer. A big repertoire makes a strain
on the Company. Nevertheless I do not
believe a play is ready until it has had
three weeks' rehearsal. One of these
plays has had five weeks' rehearsal; the
"Garden of Allah" was rehearsed for a
fortnight in London, and ten days in
Africa."

GOLD MINING IN KELANTAN.

ATTRACTIVE POSSIBILITIES.

A lengthy report on the properties of
the Kelantan Gold Mines, Ltd., made by
Captain J. Rooke-Cowell, B.A., F.G.S.,
M.A.I.M.E., who has accepted appoint-
ment as general manager of the com-
pany's properties concludes as follows:—
"In conclusion I beg to state that in
the foregoing report I have endeavored
to set forth to the best of my ability the
facts and possibilities of your mines as
they appeared to me during my recent
examination of your property. After an
experience of over 20 years in active min-
ing, during which I have visited most of
the gold camps in America, from the
Klondyke to Panama, I can honestly say
that since I left the Klondyke, I have
never seen a country with such attractive
possibilities as a gold producer, as the
district in which your mines are situated.
The many rivers and streams which in-
tersect it are full of float quartz, and
almost anywhere a pan of gravel will
yield a colour, and the many fissure veins
which are found in the district are assets
which the Klondyke did not possess. I
have no hesitation in saying that on your
holdings you have a most valuable prop-
erty, which, provided sufficient working
capital is available, and under an energetic
and skilful management, will yield you
large returns on the money invested. It
will not be possible for this company with
the comparatively limited capital at its
disposal, to develop and place the whole
of its property on property on a produc-
ing basis. I would therefore suggest, that
it would be advisable to form a daughter
company and operate those holdings which
the company, is unable itself to develop.

LINKING CHICAGO TO

PEKING.

SUGGESTED TUNNEL UNDER

BEHRING STRAITS.

Mr. Julian Arnold, Commercial At-
taché of the United States to Peking, in
a speech at New York before the Amer-
ican Asiatic Association, discussed the
possibilities of a tunnel, under Behring
Strait, linking Chicago to Peking by
rail. Engineers told him that such a
tunnel was possible, and he said he liked
the picture of America's position as an
Asiatic Power with the mainlands of the
two continents joined. British methods
and activities in China, Mr. Arnold said,
surpassed American, and "Britain's
strength there was due to the free offer
of capital for industrial development."

THE WORLD IS FACED WITH A SERIOUS SHORT-

AGE OF COTTON, THE CROP THIS YEAR BEING

conservatively estimated at 10,750,000
bales, and the consumption 20,050,000.
In the past two years the crop was 31,500,000
bales, and the consumption 40,100,000
bales. The American cotton crop is
placed at only 9,950,000 bales.

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG DOG, CAT, POULTRY

AND PIGEON SHOW.

BY kind permission of the Officer Command-
ing The Hongkong Defence Corps, a
Show will be held at
THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CORPS
on
SATURDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1923,
from 3 to 6 p.m.

Besides the usual classes for Dogs, there will
classes for Puppies from 6 to 12 months' old, for
a litter of Puppies under 3 months' old on the
date of the show, and for cross-bred Dogs.
Entry Forms may be had from the Under-
signed.

No Entry will be accepted unless accompanied
by the Entrance Fee, Dog \$2; Cat \$1; Poultry
and Pigeons, 50 cents per pair.

B. L. FROST,
Hon. Secretary,
c/o THE EASTERN EXTENSION
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COMPANIES (WINDING UP).

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND AND VEGETABLES.

The Horticultural Society, which this year held its annual show of vegetables and flowers on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, had the satisfaction of attracting larger public patronage which was no doubt the object of the change. The Show took place yesterday. Unfortunately it was a very gloomy day and the full beauty of the blooms in the covered stalls was not perhaps seen to the best advantage. The entries this year were considerably larger than last year, especially from the Peak district which contributed 729 out of a total of 1,009 exhibits.

In the afternoon long strings of spectators wended their way through the length of stalls containing the exhibits running around two sides of the Club ground. The exhibits, both vegetables and flowers, were well displayed and many of them were much admired. The exhibits were judged in the earlier part of the day. The adjudicators were: Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. M. E. F. Airey, Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Messrs. N. L. Watson, H. Green, Ho Fook, E. L. Sim, R. A. Nicholson, A. Nichols, E. F. Aucott, L. Gibbs and M. E. F. Airey. These gentlemen were assisted by Messrs. J. P. Robinson, H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Ho Kom Tong, who acted as assessors, their duties being to disqualify any entries which did not comply with the Society's rules. Only a very small percentage of the exhibits were disqualified.

Of the Committee two of the busiest were Miss Wallace and Mr. P. A. Dixon (the Hon. Secretary). The exhibits were of a high order, especially those from the Peak, though the display of flowers—beautiful as it was—was rather spoiled by over-crowding. A fair number of blooms from the Peak were not staged, as they had suffered somewhat from the cloud of fog, in which the Peak has been enshrouded for many days past. The vegetables from the Peak were not, of course, affected by the fog and were generally acknowledged to make a display superior to the exhibits from the lower levels.

Of the flowers, mention must be made of a very fine exhibit of marguerites sent in by Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, and of the stocks exhibit by Mrs. R. M. Dyer. Mr. T. E. Pearce's entry of sweet peas from the Peak was also much admired. Arums, too, made a good show. To Mr. Ho Fook belonged the credit of having the finest exhibit in the Show—three pots of cinerarias—and these were awarded the Challenge Cup. Carnations, salvia and dahlias were above the average in quality, but the phlox exhibits were poor. Mr. R. A. Nicholson's wonderful display of cut blooms, of many varieties was greatly admired.

During the afternoon the Band of the King's Regiment played a delightful programme of music. Tea was served on the steps of the Cricket Club's new pavilion, where also the presentation of the prizes took place. Amongst those present at the distribution of the prizes were noticed His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stubbs, His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and Lady Fowler and Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, President of the Horticultural Society, in asking Lady Fowler to present the prizes said:—Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen—it is a source of gratification to the Society that we are able to welcome at this Show Their Excellencies, The Governor and Lady Stubbs, General Sir John and Lady Fowler, and particularly that Lady Fowler has so kindly consented to distribute the prizes, because, apart from many other qualifications, Lady Fowler is herself a keen gardener. I have also to thank all the donors to the prize fund; our Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. A. Dixon, on whom has fallen all the uninteresting clerical work that such a show as this entails; our old friend Mr. Gibbs, who has for so many years given of his best to the welfare of the Society, and who has again in this show been of great assistance to me; Miss Wallace for her kind help in connection with the prizes; and last but not least, the President and Committee of the Cricket Club for granting us the use of part of their ground for the Show. Here I would appeal to the exhibitors present to donate to the Hongkong Cricket Club any pot plants they feel they can part with, or which they are not particularly anxious to transport back to their home. The Cricket Club would be very glad to have some plants to beautify their new pavilion and form the foundations of a garden. Members may wonder why we hold this Show on the Cricket Ground

and not at the Botanic Gardens. Well, we frequently had requests to hold it in a more central position, and now we have made the experiment. The point of central position proved to be one of the two advantages gained by the change, the other being that the Show can be kept open after dark. Against this, we have the incomparably more beautiful setting of the Botanic Gardens and the unlimited room they afford for expansion in the event of large entries. To bear out this point, I could mention that if all the pot plant entries from the Peak had arrived, it would have been impossible to have staged more than half of them. Another important thing that must be decided at the annual meeting is the question of the date for future Shows. Many people on the Lower Levels would like the Show to be held some weeks after 'China' New Year, while many residents on the Peak feel the Show should be held some weeks before China New Year in the hopes of getting ahead of their old enemy fog, which has again this year played havoc with their flower entries. I would appeal to all members of the Society to take a little more interest in the Society, at least by attending the annual meeting where they can air their views and make suggestions to the incoming committee for the betterment of the Society and Horticulture in Hongkong. Whilst on the subject of the Committee, I would like to point out that within the next few weeks we shall be losing quite half of the Committee who are proceeding on leave, including the hard working Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. It would be a great help if we could hear of some keen members who would be willing to give up a little time by taking on these positions and giving a hand in the furtherance of horticulture in Hongkong. With these remarks I will now ask Lady Fowler to accept this small memento of the occasion and to graciously distribute the prizes.

Lady Fowler was then presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers contained in a silver holder.

At the conclusion of the prize distribution Mr. Dowbiggin called for three cheers for Lady Fowler. This was readily responded to, and the prize distribution ceremony was brought to a close.

Plants in Pots—Open to all except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardeners.

Marguerites.—1, United Service Recreation Club; 2, Sir Paul Chater; C.M.G. Nasturtium (Tall varieties).—1, Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard; 3, Salvia.—1, Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard. Annuals (excluding Nasturtiums).—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mr. Ho Fook. Arums.—1, Miss Choa. Antirrhinum.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Lady Ho Tung. Begonias.—1, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard; 2, Sir Paul Chater. Double Geraniums.—1, Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2, Miss Choa. Single Geraniums.—1, Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Ivy-leaved Geraniums.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Cactus and/or Peony Dahlias.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen. Dahlias (other than Cactus or Peony).—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Miss Choa. Heliotrope.—1, Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2, Miss Choa. Petunias.—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Verbena.—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Linaria (tall varieties).—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Clarkia.—1, Mr. Ho Fook; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Sweet Peas.—Award of merit, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Larkspur.—1, Repulse Bay Hotel; 2, Sir Paul Chater. Freesia (white or lemon coloured).—1, Mr. Ho Fook; 2, Sir Paul Chater. Phlox Drummondii.—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Roses.—1, Miss Choa. Dianthus (excluding Carnations, Picotees and Sweet William).—1, Mr. Ho Fook; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Carnations and Picotees.—1, Mr. A. A. Gutierrez; 2, Sir Paul Chater. Maiden Hair Ferns.—1, Repulse Bay Hotel; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Ferns (excluding Maiden Hair and Asparagus Plumous).—1, Repulse Bay Hotel; 2, Sir Paul Chater. Asparagus Plumous.—1, Repulse Bay Hotel; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Mignonette.—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. French Marigolds.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mr. G. M. Shaw. Nasturtium (dwarf varieties).—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard. Pansies and Violas.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Repulse Bay Hotel. Violas.—1, Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Stocks.—1, Lady Ho Tung; Mr. Ho Fook. Primula.—1, Sir Paul Chater. Annuals, Perennials and any plants.—1, Mrs. R. M. Dyer; 2, P. Lauder.

section 2.
Plants in Pots—Peak Gardens only.
Marguerites.—1, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; 2, Mr. F. S. Harrison. Nasturtium (Tall varieties).—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Mrs. H. W. Bird. Salvia.—Mr. L. Yates; 2, Mr. T. E. Pearce; Award of merit, Mrs. F. C. Hall. Mrs. Dyer, Mr. B. B. C. Hornell. Annuals (excluding Nasturtiums).—1, Mr. F. S. Harrison; 2, Mr. E. L. Sim; Award of merit, Mrs. Dyer, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell; highly commended, Mrs. F. C. Hall. Annuals.—1, Mr. N. L. Watson; 2, Mr. E. L. Sim. Arums.—1, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; 2, Mrs. H. W. Bird. Antirrhinum.—1, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; 2, Mrs. F. C. Hall. Begonia.—1, Sir Robert Ho Tung; 2, Mr. L. Yates. Cactus and Peony Dahlias.—1, Sir Robert Ho Tung. Dahlias (other than Cactus or Peony).—No award. Heliotrope.—1, Mr. N. L. Watson; 2, Mr. L. Yates. Double Geraniums.—1, Mr. L. Yates; 2, Mrs. R. M. Dyer. Single Geraniums.—1, Mrs. C. Thorne; 2, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin. Petunia.—1, Mrs. N. L. Watson; 2, Mr. T. E. Pearce. Linaria (Tall varieties).—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, E. F. C. Hornell. Clarkia.—No award. Verbena.—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Mr. N. L. Watson. Larkspur.—1, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; 2, Mr. A. Breatley; Award of merit, Mr. E. L. Sim. Phlox Drummondii.—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell. Freesia (white or lemon coloured).—1, Mrs. C. Thorne; 2, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin. Nasturtium (dwarf varieties).—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Mr. A. Breatley. Dianthus (excluding Carnations, Picotees and Sweet William).—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Mr. F. S. Harrison. Carnations and/or Picotees.—1, Mrs. Murdoch; 2, Mr. A. Breatley. Maiden Hair Ferns.—No award. Ferns and Asparagus Plumous (excluding Maiden Hair).—No award. Mignonette.—1, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell; 2, Mr. N. L. Watson. French Marigolds.—1, Matilda Hospital; 2, Mr. L. Yates. Pansies and Violas.—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Matilda Hospital. Viols.—1, Matilda Hospital; 2, Mr. N. L. Watson. Stocks.—1, Mrs. R. M. Dyer; 2, Mr. E. L. Sim. Primula.—No award. Annuals, Perennials and any plants.—1, Mrs. R. M. Dyer; 2, P. Lauder.

section 3.
Vegetables, etc.—Open to all, except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardeners.

Collection of vegetables.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mr. G. M. Shaw. Cabbages.—1, Hongkong Club; 2, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard; Award of merit, Kowloon Cricket Club. Savoy Cabbages.—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Cauliflowers or Broccoli.—1, Hongkong Club; 2, Kowloon Cricket Club. Lettuce (cabbage varieties).—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard. Lettuce (cos varieties).—1, Hongkong Club. Endive.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Brussels Sprouts.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Kohl Rabi.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Lady Ho Tung. Turnips.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Sir Paul Chater. Carrots.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mr. G. M. Shaw. Parsnips.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mr. G. M. Shaw. Onions.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Lady Ho Tung. Leeks.—1, Kowloon Cricket Club; 2, Sir Paul Chater. Potatoes.—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Hongkong Club. Radishes.—Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Sir Paul Chater. Beets.—1, Hongkong Club; 2, Kowloon Cricket Club. Heads of Celery.—1, Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2, Hongkong Club; Award of merit, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard. Tomatoes.—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mrs. Makeham. Peas.—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Mr. G. M. Shaw. French Beans.—Mr. D. G. M. Bernard; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Vegetable Marrows.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

section 4.
Vegetables, etc.—Peak Gardens only.
Collection of vegetables.—1, Mrs. H. W. Bird; 2, Mr. C. Thorne. Cabbages.—Mrs. R. M. Dyer; 2, Mr. N. L. Watson; Award of merit, Mr. D. O. Russell. Savoy Cabbages.—1, Mr. N. L. Watson; 2, Mrs. H. W. Bird; Award of merit, Mr. A. Breatley. Cauliflowers or Broccoli.—1, Mr. F. S. Harrison; 2, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin. Lettuce (cabbage varieties).—1, Mr. N. L. Watson; 2, Mr. F. C. Hall; Award of merit, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell. Lettuce (cos varieties).—1, Mrs. H. W. Bird; 2, Matilda Hospital. Endive.—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall. Brussels Sprouts.—1, H. B. L. Dowbiggin; 2, Mrs. C. Thorne; Award of merit, Mr. E. L. Sim. Kohl Rabi.—1, Mr. P. Lauder; 2, Sir Robert Ho Tung; Award of merit, Mr. F. S. Harrison. Turnips.—1, Mr. N. L. Watson; Mr. P. Lauder; Award of merit, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin. Carrots.—1, Mrs. H. W. Bird; 2, Com. Beckwith; Award of merit, Matilda Hospital. Parsnips.—1, Mrs. H. W. Bird; 2, Matilda Hospital. Onions.—1, Mrs. R. M. Dyer; 2, Mrs. H. W. Bird.

Leeks.—1, Mrs. H. W. Bird; 2, Sir Robert Ho Tung; Award of merit, Mr. L. Yates. Potatoes.—1, Mr. C. G. H. Beavis; 2, Mr. D. O. Russell; Award of merit, Mr. E. W. Bird. Radishes.—1, Mr. C. G. H. Beavis; 2, Mr. E. L. Sim; Award of merit, Mrs. F. C. Hall. Beets.—1, Matilda Hospital; 2, Mrs. R. M. Dyer; Award of merit, Mr. N. L. Watson. Heads of Celery.—1, Mrs. Murdoch; 2, Mr. A. Breatley; Award of merit, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin. Tomatoes.—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Mr. A. Breatley; Award of merit, Mr. N. L. Watson. Peas.—1, Mrs. R. M. Dyer; 2, Mr. C. G. H. Beavis; Award of merit, Mrs. C. Thorne. French Beans.—1, Mrs. H. W. Bird. Vegetable Marrows.—No award.

section 5.
Cut Flowers, open to all except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market gardeners.

Cut Flowers.—1, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; Award of merit, Lady Ho Tung. Sweet Peas.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Lady Ho Tung. Antirrhinum.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Lady Ho Tung. Red or Pink Roses.—1, Mrs. Makeham; 2, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson. White or Yellow Roses.—1, Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2, Mrs. Makeham. Roses any colour.—1, Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2, Mrs. Makeham. Carnations and Picotees.—1, Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2, Sir Paul Chater. Cactus and Peony.—1, Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; Award of merit, Lady Ho Tung. Dahlias (other than Cactus or Peony).—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Mignonette.—1, Lady Ho Tung. Nasturtiums.—1, Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard. Pansies.—1, Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Viols.—1, Dr. C. M. Heanley; 2, Kowloon Cricket Club.

General Exhibits—Open to all.

Cut Flowers.—1, Mr. N. L. Watson; 2, Mr. R. M. Dyer; Award of merit, Mrs. C. Thorne. Sweet Peas.—1, Mr. T. E. Pearce; 2, Mr. N. L. Watson. Antirrhinum.—1, Mr. T. E. Pearce; 2, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin. Red or Pink Roses.—1, Matilda Hospital; 2, Mr. T. E. Pearce. White or Yellow Roses.—1, Mr. T. E. Pearce; 2, Mr. L. Yates. Roses (any colour).—1, Mr. T. E. Pearce; 2, Matilda Hospital. Carnations and Picotees.—No award. Cactus and Peony Dahlias.—Award of merit, Sir Robert Ho Tung. Dahlias (other than Cactus or Peony).—Award of merit, Sir Robert Ho Tung. Mignonette.—1, Mr. N. L. Watson; 2, Sir Robert Ho Tung. Nasturtium.—1, Mrs. Airey; 2, Mrs. C. Thorne. Pansies.—1, Mr. F. S. Harrison; 2, Mrs. F. C. Hall; Award of merit, Matilda Hospital. Viols.—1, Matilda Hospital; 2, Mr. P. Lauder; Award of merit, Mr. E. L. Sim.

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General Exhibits—Open to all.
Cut Roses.—1, Mr. R. A. Nicholson. Cut Flowers (decorative effect).—1, Lady Fowler; 2, H. W. Bird. Basket of Cut Flowers for children between the ages of 11 and 15.—No award. Basket of Cut Flowers for children aged 10 years and under.—No award. Table Decoration.—1, Mrs. Airey; 2, Mrs. Compton. Display of Cut Flowers.—1, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson; Award of merit, Repulse Bay Hotel. Group of Bulbs (excluding Narcissus tazetta).—No award. Annuals or plants (excluding Nasturtium).—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong. Flowering plants.—No award.

CHALLENGES CUP.

Pot Plants (open).—Mr. Ho Fook. Pot Plants (Peak).—Mrs. R. M. Dyer. Vegetables (open).—Lady Ho Tung. Vegetables (Peak).—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin. Cut Flowers (open).—Mrs. R. A. Nicholson. Cut Flowers (Peak).—Mr. T. E. Pearce.

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON v. H.M.S. "DURBAN"
The following will represent the Kowloon F.C. in their 1st division match v. H.M.S. "Durban" to-morrow (Sat.) Kowloon: Woodman, Wheeler and Knight; Morrison, McKelvie and Pasco; Chemo, Hall, Scully, Duncan and Mason. Reserve: Randle.

CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE v. XI. v. NAVY.
The following will represent Civil Service XI. v. Navy in a League fixture at Happy Valley to-morrow commencing at 2.15 p.m.:—A. E. Wood (capt.), R. Sayer, E. W. Hamilton, E. B. Reed, A. R. Sutherland, F. J. King, F. H. Holdman, E. C. Fincher, W. I. Edmonds, A. W. Grimmer and F. Baker.

INDIAN RES. CLUB v. MR. PONSONBY, FANE'S XI.
The following will represent the Indians in the above match on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. at Soopunpoo Valley:—A. of Arculis (capt.), S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, O. Ismail, U. M. Omar, D. Runjaha, H. D. Runjaha, A. H. Madar, J. Curram, N. Kitchell and A. H. Runjaha.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE JURORS' LIST, 1928.

A meeting of the Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday. Present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (Sir R. E. STUBBS, K.C.M.G.).
H.E. the General Officer in Command of the Troops (Major-General Sir JOHN FOWLER, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.).
Hon. Mr. CLAUD SEVERN, O.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).
Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney-General).
Hon. Mr. M. C. MESSER (Colonial Treasurer).
Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX, O.B.E., (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).
Hon. Mr. E. A. IRVING (Director of Education).
Hon. Mr. T. L. PERKINS (Director of Public Works).
Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.
Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOKE.
Hon. Mr. E. V. D. PARR.
Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU-SUN.
Hon. Mr. A. G. STEPHEN.
Hon. Mr. NG HON TAZ.
Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER, C.M.G. C.B.E. (Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were approved and signed.

FINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee, No. 2, and moved that it be adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the motion was carried.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The only Order of the Day was the second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to provide for the carrying on of the work formerly carried on by certain German societies and persons in the Colony of Hongkong, and to deal with certain property formerly held or administered by, or used in connection with the work of, such societies and persons in the Colony of Hongkong, and to provide for the control of the persons by whom the said work is to be carried on.

H.E. the GOVERNOR: Gentlemen, the next item on the list is the consideration of the Jurors' List for 1928, and I may say at this stage that, for certain reasons which have presented themselves, it seems doubtful whether it is desirable to proceed with the Second Reading down on the paper—at any rate in its present form—so it is proposed not to take it to-day. Therefore, the only remaining business is the consideration of the Jurors' List and I will ask the representatives of the Press to withdraw.

THE COMIC OPERA.

PATIENCE.

There was a crowded audience at the Theatre Royal last night for the production of "Patience" by the J. C. Williamson Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company. The play is a direct hit at the aesthetic and goes with a delightful swing from start to finish. The music was especially good, particularly the song "Patience" by Miss Elsie Coram's solo work as Patience. Charles Workman, masquerading as a fleshly poet of the name of Reginald Bunthorpe, was the life and soul of the piece and his acting was received with applause. The solo work of Grace Crotty, Isabel Brodie and Christina Lorrimer was also good. John Ralston as the idyllic poet appeared to advantage. Amongst those present at last night's opera were H.E. the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) and Lady Stubbs and a party from Government House.

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

COMPLIMENTS EXCHANGED ON BOARD SHIP.

The Shanghai interport football team were at home to the Hongkong Football Association, in the smoking room of the Empress of Russia yesterday morning when complimentary speeches were exchanged and two interesting presentations were made.

The first was to Miss Gladys Hamilton (the mascot of the Shanghai team) and took the form of a gold brooch with a centre circle of pearls. In making the presentation, Mr. Campbell the Manager, mentioned that the mascot had certainly brought them good luck this trip.

The second took the form of a presentation to Mr. James, the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association. Mr. Quayle, the Captain of the Shanghai team, thanked both the Association and Mr. James for the splendid time they had had here and then presented Mr. James with a silver cigarette case inscribed: "Presented to Mr. F. T. James by the members of the Shanghai Football Interport team, February, 1928."

Mr. James, replying, said he had done no more than other members of the Association in looking after their comfort whilst here, but he could assure the Shanghai team that if they had had a jolly good time then he was satisfied and so were the Hongkong Football Association.

SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING.

ITALIAN CONVENT.

The annual prize distribution of the Italian Convent school took place on Wednesday afternoon in the presence of a large attendance.

Lady Brunyate who gave away the awards to the successful students, was escorted by Mr. N. Teasdale Mackintosh (Registrar of the University). Among others present were the Rev. Fathers Robert, Carabelli, Noval, Martinioia, Breton and Souvey.

In the absence of Rev. Father P. de Maria (Correspondent of Catholic Schools), Mr. F. H. Barnes read the annual report of the school.

The Report stated that the average daily attendance was 458.5, namely 12 per cent. more than in the previous year, the highest enrolment of 497 being in the month of February. The School consists of the usual eight classes and in addition three kindergarten classes, and four special classes for Chinese pupils who specialise in English after having completed their Chinese course of studies. The discipline is excellent.

The general remarks of the written work were as being very good throughout, reading and pronunciation greatly improved.

"The pupils," writes Mr. E. Ralphs, "in every class read and recite carefully yet fluently; they answer orally questions in the various school subjects eagerly and with intelligence."

"The Kindergarten Classes are skilfully conducted and the children are happy and intelligently interested in their work."

"Drawing taught on the modern system, is very successful the results, even in the lowest classes, being remarkably good. In the Senior classes some very artistic design work is done. Needlework is a special feature and is excellent throughout. The School is undoubtedly doing very efficient and very useful work."

During the year one pupil entered for the Matriculation Examinations of the Hongkong University, Miss Tam Oi Ngan, who passed with distinction in English. This pupil not only passed the Matriculation Examination, but was successful in obtaining the open Government Scholarship as an Education Student at the Hongkong University. She has since taken up a course in the Faculty of Arts.

Seven pupils entered for the Senior Examinations, and all passed, two with honours: Miss Dolores Talmage (Distinction in English), Miss May Dillon (Distinction in Needlework), while Miss Lowe Peg Quan obtained Distinction in English.

Sixteen entered for the Junior Local Examinations and fifteen passed, Miss Eugenia Cabaco with Distinction in English and Biblical Knowledge, Miss Kwok Yik Ming with Distinction in English, Miss Yeung Wei Lim with Distinction in Drawing.

Miss Elizabeth Thomas is the winner of the Lugard Scholarship for the year 1923-1924. Misses Katie Sullivan and Helena Akana are the winners of Lady Ho Tung Scholarship for Good Conduct and Application.

The name added to the list of girls who distinguished themselves for integrity and unselfishness in the year 1922 is that of Miss Chow Sook Chun.

As usual the pupils took part in the St. Joseph's Sports and several other private events in the Convent Ground. Girl Guides continue their interesting Drill and Tracking Exercises, which they enjoy keenly.

The prizes were then distributed by Lady Brunyate.

Mr. Mackintosh expressed regret at the absence of Sir William Brunyate, Chancellor of the University, who was attending a conference in Shanghai and was therefore unable to be present. He referred to the indebtedness they all felt to Lady Brunyate for consenting to distribute the prizes. Speaking of the school, he drew attention to its prosperity and the fine success it had attained during the past year. The participation in external examinations was a good sign and afforded a good test by which parents could judge of what education their children were getting. Mr. Mackintosh proceeded to address a few words of friendly criticism to the girls, particularly mentioning the need for greater attention to mathematics, foreign languages and domestic science.

Master Noel presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Lady Brunyate. The girls gave an excellent entertainment of which the outstanding features were pianoforte selections by Miss C. Horley and Miss F. Neves, and an amusing sketch entitled "The Lady Doctor" given by the Misses Gardner, D. Leonard and M. Danenberg.

UNION CHURCH.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SEATHOLDERS.

As briefly mentioned in our yesterday's issue the annual meeting of the seat-holders of Union Church was held on Wednesday. Mr. A. S. D. Cousland presided at the meeting, which was preceded by an organ recital by Mr. E. J. Chapman, a short concert and tea.

After the annual reports had been presented Mr. Cousland emphasised the need for raising the usual amount to cover ordinary expenditure in spite of the fact that the church had received a generous endowment of \$50,000 from Sir Paul O'hater. This year, if the income from the endowment were excluded, he pointed out that there was a small deficit. Mr. Cousland also urged that the church should take greater interest in the work of the New Territories Evangelisation Society.

THE CHURCH FOR KOWLOON—SIR PAUL CHATER'S GENEROUS OFFER.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald said he regretted that he had not more to report in connection with the proposed Union Church for Kowloon but perhaps considering the ordinary rate of progress in such matters in the Colony, they must not be disappointed at the present position although he confessed he hoped things would have been further forward.

"The Press," Mr. Kirk Macdonald proceeded, "have shown a very great deal of interest in this matter and through the Press the public has been kept pretty well informed. Our principal difficulties are summed up in the question of a site. The suggestions we have made have not met with the approval of the Government and the suggestions that the Government have made have seemed to us impossible so far. We seem to be in a cul de sac, though not perhaps without a glimmer. Two things have happened recently. I see no reason why I should not make it public now, though it is not entirely a surprise to some of you, that Sir Paul Chater has, in the most generous and spontaneous manner, doubled his offer and is now willing to put at our disposal a sum of \$100,000 for this purpose if a satisfactory site can be secured. (Applause.)

"I am sure you will all share the warm feelings of grateful appreciation I cherish towards him for his great generosity. It is not everybody in the position to do such things who has the disposition to do it. I should like also to mention that an approach was made to us quite spontaneously on behalf of the local military authorities. Without going into full details it amounts to this: that so far as they are concerned they view the Kowloon project with approval and are prepared to do anything in their power to facilitate the provision of a proper site. They recognise that a Union Church at Kowloon will be for the benefit of the Forces as well as of the civilian population. I assure you it was a great pleasure to me to be invited to meet the representatives of the military authorities and to find such hearty approval. The suggestion was made that portion of the land on the West side of Nathan Road now so largely occupied by mules, should be allotted for this purpose and that the Colonial Government, through whom it would have to pass, should approach the authorities in England to get this authorised before the completion of the big scheme for the transfer of the military establishments from the land they now occupy, which we all hope will be soon. It was thought that this might be done without waiting for the indefinite time which will have to elapse before the question is finally settled. We hoped this might have met with approval, but it seems that the powers at home—I believe the Army Council—have made it known that they are not going to deal with the question except on 1904 so that that avenue is stopped. Nor will the Colonial Government give a definite undertaking as to the disposal of any land into the possession of which they expect to come in the future.

"That is the present position. It is suggested that we might build a temporary church and gather together a congregation. It will be for the new committee to consider that question very seriously. It is said that thus we should completely dispose of the argument that such a church is not needed in Kowloon. I should like to have ten minutes with anybody who says that such a church is not needed. I think the petition which was drawn up and signed by 200 people, all resident in Kowloon, should fairly dispose of the argument. Having been Minister of this Church for ten years my opinion should be worth something, and I believe that until we have a Free Church in Kowloon the Free Church and Presbyterian community is going to continue to lose, and I am not satisfied that it should do so. The votes of this Church on the question, also, should carry weight. Nor do I think that a gentleman of Sir Paul Chater's knowledge and experience is likely to put up \$100,000 for a trifle."

(Continued at foot of next column.)

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR WILLIAM BEECHER DAVIES).)

GUNMEN SENTENCED.

SHOTS EXCHANGED WITH THE POLICE AT BAY VIEW.

A sensational story was told at the Criminal Sessions, yesterday, when a man named Wong Hoi was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for being in unlawful possession of a revolver and four rounds of ammunition on February 15th.

The Jury were: Messrs. R. H. Douglas (foreman), T. J. Kew, A. K. Osborne, J. B. Way, Sir Ma Tai, C. W. Olson, and J. M. Silva.

The prisoner was arrested by a party of five Chinese constables from Bay View police station, who were out on patrol duty at about seven o'clock on the night in question. Near the electric power station they met three Chinese, and as their presence seemed suspicious the police closed in on them. Two, including the prisoner, were arrested, but the third man was not such an easy prey. He eluded the police and darted off up the hillside. Meanwhile the police were struggling with their two prisoners, and as soon as the fugitive reached a safe distance he turned round and fired three shots at the police. They returned his fire, and he disappeared into the bushes. The revolver was found on Wong's person, empty, and the cartridges were found in his pocket.

The man who was arrested with this prisoner had already pleaded guilty to the same charge the day before, and was similarly sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

In a subsidiary headline over our report of the judgments given in the Bank Note Forgery case, it was inadvertently represented that judgment was against the defence. It was quite clear from the judgments that the defence succeeded on the first count, and failed only on the second count.

ROBBER KILLED AT YAUMATEI.

SHOTS EXCHANGED IN THE STREETS.

Within half-an-hour of committing a robbery at Yaumatei, a Chinese robber met with his death from a police bullet yesterday afternoon. Four men had robbed the third floor of a house in Archer Street. As soon as they left the alarm was given, and police who were on duty in the locality took up the chase. The gang scattered in all directions, but this particular man was traced as far as Shanghai Street. He turned and fired at his pursuers, and a number of shots were exchanged, one of which struck and killed him. Another of the robbers was arrested, but the other two have, so far, made good their escape.

"The support we have had from the newspaper Press, which is in close touch with public opinion, has been very encouraging. It is perfectly satisfactory to some people, no doubt, that there should be only one church in the large district of Kowloon, but it is not satisfactory to us, and I do not think it is to our credit, or for the good of the Kingdom of Christ, that our children should be deprived of the teaching of the church of their fathers. If we had a church, there and if there were no Church of England, and if the Church of England wanted to establish themselves, they would have my hearty support and good will—(Hear, hear and applause.) I would say the same of the Roman Catholics. There are people of course, who think of a church as a church, a place to which they never go. To us it is not so, and I think it is absolutely certain, as one of our local newspapers recently said when the matter was first mooted in the Colony, that if the position were reversed and the Church of England was in our present position, we should not be hearing that there is no need for a second church in Kowloon—(Applause.)

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

New Church officers were elected as follows:—

Hon. Secretary—Mr. E. B. Cubey.
Hon. Treasurer—Mr. Currie.
Committee of Management—Messrs. A. S. D. Cousland, C. C. Hickling, G. Mitchell, G. M. Shaw, A. Stevenson, J. M. Smyth, P. D. Wilson, J. L. McPherson, W. McKenzie, Alec. Mackenzie, W. Davison and J. McCubbin.

Ladies Committee—Messdames Macdonald, Mackenzie, Hickling, Cousland, Milne, Templeton, P. D. Wilson, Farree, J. B. Ross, McMurray, Craig, Gerard, Horne and Glynn.

PENDING DEPARTURES FROM THE COLONY.
In moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Cousland for presiding, Mr. Macdonald remarked that it was now practically ten years since he came to Hongkong and he supposed this would be the last annual meeting he would attend. Mr. Macdonald added that the constant loss of friends was the sad feature of work in Hongkong, and he went on to speak in tones of regret of the pending departure of Mr. and Mrs. McCubbin—men whom no one had served the Church more faithfully. The departure of Mr. Bodger would be another great loss to the Church.



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PEAK CHURCH.

TO meet the needs of the Peak Residents
NEXT SUNDAY, there will be Services
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and 6 P.M. [429]

DANCING.

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H.M.S. "Titanic"

Will play at the above Hotel on SATURDAY,
24th, Dancing 9 P.M. [430]

LEO LONGINOTTO (DECEASED).

ALL CLAIMS in respect of the Estate of
Messrs. NIKKO & Co. (owing to removal
to New Premises), Mr. DA ROCHA, Auctioneer,
will sell by Public Auction, on
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & MONDAY,
23rd, 24th and 25th FEBRUARY, commencing
each day at 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and to
be continued from 2.30 p.m. at
their shop, No. 15 to 17, Queen's
Road Central (below
Hongkong Hotel).

G. N. ORME,

February 22nd, 1923. [431]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of
the Presence of the LADIES at the
Races.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1923. [433]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES FOR SERVANTS will be issued
on application to Messrs. LINDSEY,
ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.
No Servant will be allowed inside the
ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the
Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.
These Tickets are only available for Servants
while in attendance on their employers or when
on duty at the various Stands.
Any Chinese found loitering about with
Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit
them, and holders thereof will be removed from
the Enclosure.
H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1923. [432]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

UNDER the New Arrangements the
Entrance to the Public Enclosure will
be from the Gate at the Wongsingchong end of
the Course. There will be a Ladies' Room,
Refreshment Room, Bar and Stand No. 11 as
well as separate Part-mutual for those using the
Public Enclosure. The Cash Sweep will be at
the End of the Public Enclosure next to the
Weighing Room.
The Entrance for Members and those holding
Tickets for Members' Enclosure will be
at the Middle Gate.
Tiffin and Refreshments will be served every
day in the Jockey Club Stand, Tables for
which can be reserved at Wiseman's.
H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1923. [437]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing
two Non-Members to the
MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
A limited number of Tickets are available
and may be obtained from Messrs. LINDSEY
& DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings on or before
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.

PRICE:—\$10.00 Per day or \$30.00 for
the Meeting.

H. BIRKETT,

Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1923. [395]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1923.

FEBRUARY 23rd, MARCH 1st,
2nd and 3rd.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the
PUBLIC ENCLOSURE may be
obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH or at
the Gate.

PRICE:—\$3.00 Per day.

SOLDIERS and SAILORS in Uniform
\$1.00 PER DAY

No one is admitted without a Ticket to be
shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.
H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1923. [398]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS BADGES OF ADMISSION
TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
are now ready and may be obtained from
Messrs. LINDSEY & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings.
ALL BADGES MUST BE PRO-
DUCED TO GAIN ADMISSION.
H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1923. [397]

NOTICE.

OWING to the STOPPAGE of the PEAK
TRAMWAY SERVICE from 1 A.M. on the
21st inst., until further Notice—Motor Vehicles
will be permitted to use the New Road to the
Peak as far as Stewart Terrace from 10 P.M.
on the 20th inst., until the TRAMWAY COMPANY
Resume Service. Motorists are hereby warned
of the Danger of Driving Fast, in Foggy and Wet
Weather in the Peak District. Heavy Vehicles
should be kept to the Middle of the Road as far
as possible.
E. D. C. WOLFE
Captain Superintendent of Police.
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INTIMATIONS

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM
ASSOCIATION.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING of the CON-
STITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION
of Hongkong will be held in the Old Chambers
of Commerce Room, City Hall, TO-DAY,
at 5.30 P.M., for the following purposes:
To receive the Report of the Committee and
Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1922.
To elect the Officers and Committee for the
ensuing year.

By Order of the Committee,
R. STOCK
(Hon. Secretary.)
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1923. [394]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

FAVOURED with instructions from
Messrs. NIKKO & Co. (owing to removal
to New Premises), Mr. DA ROCHA, Auctioneer,
will sell by Public Auction, on
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & MONDAY,
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LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE RUHR OCCUPATION.
FINE OBTAINED BY SEARCHING
PEDESTRIANS' POCKETS!

ESSEN, February 21st.—The milder regime now being enforced, and the remarkably few troops in the streets is attributed to the change in command since February 19th. Furthermore, the French are evacuating Gelsenkirchen, being satisfied with the seizure of 110 million marks in lieu of the fine which the municipality refused to pay. It is alleged that 30 million marks were obtained by searching the pockets of pedestrians, but the French Authorities deny this.

FRENCH EMPLOY COLOURED
TROOPS.

The burgomasters of Kupferdreh, Warden and Velbert report the arrival of black troops at those places.

EARLIER CABLES.

FRENCH MUST PRODUCE THEIR
OWN COAL SUPPLIES.

ESSEN, February 21st.—The complete blocking of the Rhine-Herne canal by two barges recently sunk therein seriously inconveniences the French, who relied on the canal to facilitate the removal of coal from the Ruhr. The question of coal production has never been mentioned, but it now appears as accepted that no supplies will ever be forthcoming unless produced by the French themselves; but there are indications that the French are preparing more drastic measures, such as the occupation of Essen station, to which trouble is apprehended in connection with the expulsion of railwaymen from houses belonging to the railway company at Cologne.

The French occupation authorities have held the first sale of wood newly seized in the State forests of Kaiserlautern, in the Palatinate, but not a single German bid.

FRENCH RAILWAY TRANSPORT
FACILITATED.

LONDON, February 21st.—In the House of Commons replying to questions, Mr. Bonar Law said he considered a readjustment of the boundaries of the British zone would facilitate the French railway transport. In accordance with strict neutrality, we had simply transferred to France a portion of the territory nominally occupied by us, but where we had never had any troops.

It is semi-officially learned that at a conference today in which Mr. Theunis, M. Poincaré and Marshal Foch participated, it was decided that the French and Belgian authorities should take over the working of the railways on the left bank of the Rhine and in the Ruhr, which hitherto have been directed under the supervision of General Payot. The actual management will be entrusted to the deputy director of French railways, assisted by a Belgian vice-director.

LABOUR MEMBERS' REMARKABLE
SUGGESTION.

LONDON, February 21st.—A remarkable suggestion is made in a report by four Labourites who spent the week-end in the Ruhr. They do not believe Britain would be acceptable as a mediator, and they suggest that the only solution is for France, Germany, Britain, Belgium and Italy to internationalise the Ruhr, the administration to consist of an international board, which would distribute the dividends earned in reparations.

BERLIN, February 21st.—The Prussian Minister of the Interior has forbidden the police in the Ruhr to do duty without uniform or weapons. It is believed the object is to prevent the occupation authorities from organising police.

These, president of the Amtsgericht Kreuznach, has been sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment for refusing to admit to prison persons sentenced by the French.

GERMAN GOLD.

HUGE DEPOSITS IN RUMANIAN
REICHSBANK.

BUCHAREST, February 21st.—The National Bank of Rumania has received a consignment of 68 million gold marks from a deposit of eighty millions held in Rumania in the Reichsbank. The Government intends to ask Germany to send the balance of the deposit here.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BIG LOAN
ISSUE.

BERLIN, February 21st.—It is officially stated that the discussions between the Ministry of Finance and representatives of the banks has resulted in the issue of a loan of two hundred million gold marks in Treasury Bills. A consortium of banks will be formed which will issue for public subscription in foreign currency fifty million dollars in triennial Treasury Bills, guaranteed by the Reichsbank. The consortium will guarantee subscriptions to half the amount, and take over the remainder on a commission basis. The newspapers are of opinion that this will provide the Government with sufficient currency to enable it to maintain its policy of supporting the mark.

"FORENSIC TALENT"

FILIBUSTER IN U. S. SENATE
CONTINUES.

WASHINGTON, February 21st.—The Senate filibuster, who intend to talk to death the Ship Subsidy Bill, won a tactical victory, shortly before midnight, when the supporters of the Bill abandoned their intention of holding an all-night session. The filibusters this morning are continuing to discuss extraneous subjects, ranging from the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb to the history and principles of co-operative marketing. They estimate they have sufficient forensic talent to keep the movement going until the end of the week. Mr. Shppard spoke for ten and three quarter hours. Mr. Williams of Mississippi for half an hour on general topics, then Mr. Reed of Missouri discussed the resolution for the purchase of British and French possessions in the Caribbean Sea. The proceedings had to be stopped several times, owing to the lack of a quorum, while the sergeant-at-arms rounded up Senators sleeping in corners or talking in the lobby.

WASHINGTON, February 21st.—The opponents of the Ship Subsidy Bill have resumed their filibuster tactics in the Senate. Mr. Reed continued his speech, begun last night, aided by huge maps. Mr. Jones, who is leading the supporters of the Bill, announced that they were prepared to carry on the fight, and would employ every strategy to defeat the filibusters. Mr. Borah, taking up the filibuster scheme, advocated the recognition of Soviet Russia, which he explained was indirectly related to the Bill because the securing of cargoes was more important than subsidies.

FILIBUSTER LAID ASIDE TO
CONSIDER REPORTS.

By agreement, the Ship Subsidy Bill was laid aside at nine o'clock last night to permit consideration of the conference reports on the Appropriation Bills, after which the Senate adjourned until nine o'clock this morning, when the filibuster was resumed.

The filibuster started in the House of Representatives last night on a secondary issue, but lasted only a few hours.

IRISH OUTRAGES.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES
ATTACKED.

LONDON, February 21st.—There was an organised attack this afternoon on the Government offices in Dublin. Attempts were made to set fire to all the offices, and were successful in the case of the Income Tax offices, which are burning. One of the assailants was shot dead and three were captured by National troops defending the Local Government offices.

The fires in the Government offices in Dublin have been extinguished by the fire brigade. Six members of the official staffs have had to go into hospital suffering from burns. Land mines were captured in a motorcar at the Local Government offices.

RUBBER PROFITS DUTY.

IMPORTANT APPEAL BEFORE
HOUSE OF LORDS.

LONDON, February 21st.—The House of Lords has reserved judgment in the appeal relating to the assessment of Merliman Rubber Estates, Limited, for excess profits duty, raising the important question as to whether in case a rubber estate be bought by a company in 1909 in an immature condition the increase of the estate in the course of time could be treated as the addition of a new asset or a series of assets to the original estate.

AUSTRALIAN STATE LOAN.

ISSUED BY VICTORIA.

LONDON, February 21st.—The Government of Victoria is issuing a five per cent. loan of five millions sterling, at a price of 98½, with interest payable on the first of April and October, redeemable in 1932 to 1942.

EXCHANGE MARKETS.

STERLING IMPROVES.

LONDON, February 21st.—The strength of sterling on New York is an outstanding feature of the exchange market. The pound closed at 4.72. Francs improved on the London market to 78.87½, and marks to 104,000 to 107,000.

DISCOUNT RATES.

ADVANCED BY U. S. BANK.

New York, February 21st.—The Federal Reserve Bank has advanced the rate of re-discounts, advances of half per cent. to four and a half per cent. operating on February 23rd.

SOUTH AFRICAN TEST.

INTERRUPTED BY RAIN.

DURBAN, February 21st.—Rain twice interrupted the resumption of the Test Match. South Africa eventually scored 293 for 17, Taylor compiling 76, not out with very steady play.

THE DAVIS CUP.

FRANCE NOTIFIES CHALLENGE.

New York, February 21st.—France has notified her challenge for the Davis Cup.

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REPARATIONS PROBLEM.
WHAT ARE FRANCE'S AIMS?

LEAFIELD, February 21st.—The Times, in a leading article, after noting that the House of Commons has by an unexpected large majority, endorsed the Government's cautious attitude regarding the Ruhr question, says: "Meanwhile, the country is disturbed by the Ruhr adventure, and is looking eagerly for some possible end to it." While disclaiming that "We do not even know what France's aims are still," the Times says that officially she is seeking reparations in the Ruhr, and for the present argument must proceed on this plan of reparations. Now on this plan Germany herself might do something to help matters.

The German Government is obstructing blindly and vaguely resisting, apparently, in the hope that some help may come from outside. It forgets that in all the world outside there exists a deep feeling in matters of reparations Germany that has been guilty of bad faith. This impression has not been effected by any proposal that has happened in the Ruhr, which has been belated and unsatisfactory, and the efforts of the Government to present a sound financial plan towards the end of last year were largely [word missed] by refusal of the leading business men to support it. Germany could do a great deal to clear the situation now is she were to make a firm offer, strengthened by pledges and guarantees from German industry. The British plan was never seriously discussed in France or Germany. The fault of Germany is that she has never made any serious offer that would show her goodwill.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR

LEAFIELD, February 21st.—It is officially stated that the British Industries Fair, which was opened by the King yesterday, has already been visited by 2,250 buyers from all parts of the world.

One section which seems to have particularly impressed visitors is that devoted to pottery. Nearly 500 firms are represented in this section. Prices are much lower than last year, with the result that an excellent number of orders has already been taken. The section exhibiting paper, printing and office appliances is also booking orders freely, and jewellery and cutlery are doing specially well.

HUGE AIR LINER.

LEAFIELD, February 21st.—The biggest passenger air liner built for the Continental air services is nearing completion in the Handley-Page sheds at the London air station at Croydon.

The machine, which is to be driven by two Rolls-Royce engines, aggregating 750 horse-power, will carry 18 people in addition to baggage freight and mails.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE
MARKET.

LEAFIELD, February 21st.—French and Belgian francs recovered somewhat, but German Marks were weaker. The following are the foreign exchange rates:—

Paris	77.25
New York	4.71
Brussels	87.97
Geneva	24.88
Amsterdam	11.87
Milan	97.05
Berlin	150.00
Stockholm	17.07
Copenhagen	24.37
Christiana	25.37
Vienna	350.00
Prague	158.05
Helsingfors	170
Madrid	30.2
Lisbon	24.16
Rio de Janeiro	5.78
Bombay	144.16
Shanghai	31.1/2
Hongkong	2/4

CRICKET.

FIFTH TEST MATCH.

LEAFIELD, February 21st.—In the fifth test match between England and South Africa at Durban, the South Africans, in their second innings, scored 111 for three wickets, when play was stopped by bad light.

The South Africans now require 232 runs to win. The outstanding feature of the match has been the performance of the young British batsman Russell, who made 140 in the first innings and 111 in the second.

OBITUARY.

M. THEOPHILE DELCASSE.

Nice, February 21st.—The death is announced of M. Theophile Delcasse. (The late M. Theophile Delcasse joined the staff of the journal *Le Republique Francaise* in 1892 as a writer of political articles; was appointed Counsellor-General, Arrondissement of Lyons, 1898; Under Secretary for Colonies, 1903; Colonial Minister, 1904-05; Foreign Minister, 1905-1907; Minister of Marine, 1908-1913; French Ambassador to St. Petersburg, 1913-14; Minister of Foreign Affairs, 1914-15. Deceased was in his 71st year.)

PRINCE MIGUEL DE BRAGANZA.

New York, February 21st.—Prince Miguel de Braganza has died of double pneumonia.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
CONFERENCERESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSED
CHINESE CUSTOMS SURTAX.

SHANGHAI, February 21st.—The Conference of British Chambers of Commerce in China and Hongkong has passed a resolution stating that, it should be made an essential condition of the granting of the proposed 2½ per cent. customs surtax that the proceeds therefrom, and from any loan raised for the security thereof, also any funds liberated through the funding of the floating indebtedness of the Chinese Government by means of a surtax or loan, should be devoted firstly, to the re-establishment of China's credit and the placing of China's finances on a sound basis, by making provision to meet the floating indebtedness of the Government; secondly, to the disbandment, under foreign supervision, of all troops except the standing army under the Central Government, and the employment of the disbanded troops in railway construction or similar work, also that the funds should be kept under adequate control in order to secure their use for such purposes. When these objects have been achieved any surplus should be devoted towards the abolition of internal taxation on merchandise, beginning with the coast trade duties.

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BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
CONFERENCE AT SHANGHAI.

CHAIRMAN'S DESCRIPTION OF CONDITIONS IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, February 21st.—Mr. Burkill, presiding at the annual Conference of the Associated British Chambers of Commerce in China and of Hongkong, gave what he thought to be a fair description of the actualities of the present situation in China. There was an absence of a Central Government able to control even North China. Revenues which, if remitted to Peking, would be sufficient to enable the Government to function were being partly squandered in the maintenance of large bodies of troops, who frequently acted like robbers and terrorised the countryside, and partly pilfered. There was an absence of any visible indication of a sense of responsibility of Parliament at Peking, and also an absence of any effective expression of public opinion.

The *Militari* had produced secret societies, but no effective movement in public life. The great mass of the people, namely, the farmers, the vast majority of whom could neither read nor write, stood outside public life, while the merchant classes were only just beginning to interest themselves in public affairs. While in certain directions, notably in the industrial sphere, there was evidence of progress, railways were going to, wreck and ruin. The judiciary was largely corrupt, and the use of torture was not infrequent.

Referring to the Washington resolutions, Mr. Burkill remarked that the British Chambers of Commerce in China and of Hongkong did not believe that the cause of peace in the Pacific would be served by supposing that China could be made stronger than she is by inviting her to run before she can walk, or according to her so-called sovereign rights in the absence of sovereign powers within the country.

The following resolution was passed:—"That this Conference views with great anxiety the difficulties with which foreign trade has to contend arising from the imposition of arbitrary and illegal taxation, and again emphasises the need for the abolition of internal taxation of merchandise as soon as a stable Government is established."

The Conference also urged the London Produce Brokers' Association to indicate its reasons for arbitration awards regarding cargo in order to enable exporters to rectify the causes of complaints.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

REPORTED LOAN FOR DR. SUN.

PEKING, February 21st.—It is reported that Dr. Sun Yat Sen has persuaded wealthy Chinese in Hongkong to raise a loan of \$1,000,000 as security for the revenue of the Canton mint.

BELGIAN INDUSTRIAL MISSION.

TO VISIT JAPAN.

BRUSSELS, February 21st.—The King has received members of the Belgian industrial mission, which will be sailing for Japan on February 23rd. He expressed cordial wishes for the success of the mission, and congratulated the members on their initiative in undertaking it.

AMBATELOS APPLICATION
DISMISSED.

LONDON, February 21st.—Mr. Justice Hill has dismissed the application on behalf of the Greek Ambassador, for a stay of execution in the action mentioned on January 10th, with costs, but has granted leave to appeal. (The action referred to was one in which the Board of Trade, representing the late Shipping Controller, sued the Greek defendant, claiming four standard ships and monies due under mortgages entered into when the defendant agreed to purchase nine ships then building in Hongkong and Shanghai. The action, which involved £2,000,000, went in favour of plaintiffs.)

AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

DISABLED SOLDIERS AND
SAILORS.

LEAFIELD, January 25th.

In a letter, referring to the care given by the British Government to disabled soldiers and sailors Mr. Bonar Law mentions that during the year 1922 about £28,000,000 will be paid in pensions and other allowances to disabled men by the Ministry of Pensions, £27,500,000 in medical benefits and sickness benefit and other payments under the health insurance scheme, £14,000,000 in unemployment benefit under the unemployment insurance scheme and £12,250,000 to able-bodied unemployed from the Poor Law authorities. This makes a total of £151,750,000 quite apart from the great amount of assistance, which is being provided for unemployed men.

The Prime Minister adds that he is arranging for an interdepartmental committee to be established for the purpose of avoiding any gaps in the various schemes for safeguarding the interest of their men.

THE HAREM OUT OF DATE.

LONDON, January 25th.—The *Daily Mail's* Constantinople correspondent states that in virtually declaring that the harem is out of date, Kemal has made a striking pronouncement in favour of the emancipation of Turkish women, saying that they should leave the harem to take up an equal position with men. "Tradition has been pushed too far. Women ought not to hide themselves. Otherwise, the whole society suffers. They veil and seclude themselves more than religion orders. They should become savants, novelists, lecturers and teachers, helping onward the national life equally with men."

EXPLOSION DURING 'CHEMISTRY
LESSON.

LONDON, January 30th.—A High School pupil has been awarded £250 as damages at the Norfolk Assizes against the County Council for injuries received as the result of an explosion during an experiment in a chemistry lesson, when 14 girls were hurt. It was claimed that the scars on the plaintiff's face, neck, and wrists had wrecked her hopes of a musical career.

EXCITEMENT FOR MR. LLOYD
GEORGE.

LONDON, January 30th.—Gibraltar:—Mr. Lloyd George and family, Lord Birkenhead the Governor of Gibraltar and Admiral Robeck were among the spectators at an Andalusian festival on a ranch near Algiers, a feature of which was the testing of young bulls, which were baited on an extensive plain. One animal escaped the ring of horsemen and charged the spectators, who stampeded and entrenched themselves behind a line of waiting motor-cars. There were no casualties.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

LONDON, January 30th.—Many contentious measures, like the revision of the Prayer Book, are expected to produce lively discussions at the Spring Session of the National Assembly of the Church of England which opened in London this afternoon. A new democratic spirit was visible in the group measures splitting up the dioceses of Winchester, Southwell, and Blackburn under which now Bishops will not receive stipends comparable to the older dioceses. For example, the Bishops of Blackburn, the Isle of Wight, and Guildford receive £3,000, £2,500, and £2,250, respectively, with residence. The Assembly yesterday approved the union of benefices, a measure aiming at guaranteeing a minimum wage of £250 per annum, conditionally upon the abolition of the sale of livings and the elimination of excessively small benefices.

DIVISION OF DIOCESE OF
WINCHESTER.

LONDON, January 31st.—The National Assembly has approved the division of the diocese of Winchester by creating new bishoprics at Guildford and Portsmouth. The measure comprises the new principle in connection with the finance of a new diocese, namely, to separate the Bishops' Stipend Fund from the Bishops' Expenses Fund. The Archbishop of Winchester's statement that a bishop's income is at present fictitious, is much misunderstood throughout the country.

DELEGATE DISAPPOINTED.

LONDON, January 30th.—An unusually crowded attendance at the National Assembly of the Church of England was disappointed by the non-realisation of a discussion on the revision of the Prayer Book. The measure will be discussed at separate sittings of the Houses of Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, but in consequence of the amount of other business this week members have to make separate journeys in future to attend special sittings, the fixing of whose dates caused a lively debate today.

The Dean of Westminster said that the business of the Assembly had reached cracking point. It was impossible to expect the clergy to forsake their parishes and come to town on any more days. He suggested that the Assembly carry two or three practical measures of reform and postpone the Prayer Book revision until next year.

Lord Parmoor and the Dean of York supported, but Lord Hugh Cecil, supporting the Archbishop of Canterbury's motion for a special session in July, said that if a clergyman or a bishop did not turn up the sky would not fall. (Laughter)—and would it fall? Other measures were postponed instead of the Prayer Book revision.

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MACAO NOTES.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

THE PROCESSION OF THE CROSS.

The impressive and most spectacular of all the annual sacred services in Macao, and the most loyally supported by the Roman Catholics in South China is the Procession of the Cross held during the first week of Lent every year.

Last Saturday the large concourse of local residents at this solemn celebration was swelled by many of the faithful from Hongkong. Proceeding from the Church of St. Domingo, the procession passed through the principal thoroughfares of the city to the Cathedral of St. where a fitting ceremony concluded the devotions for the day. On the following day (Sunday), a further service was held, commencing at the Cathedral of St. and concluding at the Church of St. Domingo.

Until Good Friday no further public ceremonies are to be held in Macao, but daily services at all the churches are well attended.

SPORTS.

The young men from Hongkong who came to Macao to meet Macao's sportsmen at football, tennis, &c., lost to Macao at billiards and tennis, drew with Macao at football, and secured a very conclusive victory at football over the Macao Club. Great public interest was displayed in the football matches. Macao extends invitations to other sportsmen, and enthusiasts feel that competitions of this kind will arouse more interest amongst the young men in many sports.

SOCIAL.

Mr. Loo Lim Yuck, a leading Chinese resident of Macao, gave a banquet in honour of the Governor of Macao on behalf of the Chinese community. The majority of the Portuguese officials were present at the repast which took place in Mr. Loo's well-known garden.

Mr. A. A. de Mello, the popular agent of the Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at Macao, celebrated on the 20th inst., the 25th anniversary of his wedding. The large number of guests present spoke to the esteem in which Mr. Mello is held in Macao.

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

SPANISH SERIES WITH ROYAL
PORTRAIT.

The forerunner of a complete new series of Spanish postage stamps, the 10c. value, is a pleasing production, showing a full-face portrait of King Alfonso, in military uniform, enclosed in an upright rectangular frame of simple but delicate ornamentation, with a large crown at the top. The only inscription consists of the words "Correo Espana," across the foot of the stamp, flanked by two small shields containing the value "10c." It is recess printed in red, the engraving of the master die having been executed by Señor Vaquer, of the Royal Mint, Madrid, where the Spanish stamps are printed.

On Jan. 15th the German Post Office ceased to supply two postage stamps which have been on sale since the middle of December at a small premium in aid of a Yuletide charity for children and the aged. The design, by Professor Cisar, represents a young maiden planting a sapling, while her gaze is fixed upon the Star of Hope. Beneath the picture appears the amount of the premium, followed by the words "Für Alters und Kinderhilfe" in Gothic type. Five million examples of either denomination were printed—namely 6 by 4 marks, blue and bistre, and 12 by 8 marks, red and blue. These charity postage stamps were only available for franking inland letters in Germany itself.

A view of the ruined Temple of Dougga, near Tabourouk, with a negro seated upon a fallen column, and a wild fig tree in the foreground, figures upon the latest stamps of the French protectorate of Tunisia, denominations—10c. green, 30c. rose, and 50c. blue. The Italian Government has sanctioned the introduction of a special stamp designed by Signor Calcequandro, the Roman artist, to be sold for a premium of 5c. on behalf of the Italian Colonial Institute in each of the Italian colonies—via, Eritrea, Somalia, and Tripoli. A new 15c. postage stamp of Monaco, bearing a likeness of the reigning Prince, was announced for issue on January 15th, together with the values 1c. and 5c. reproducing the arms of the Grimaldi. Meanwhile, the current series has been augmented by the denominations 1f. and 2f., alike engraved with a general view of the Rock of Monaco.

Owing to delay in the production of the remainder of the definitive Irish postage stamps, those of Great Britain, postage stamps, those of the Free State, are to be supplied by the Free State Post Office, but with a modified overprint reading "Saorstad Eireann, 1923" in substitution for the former "Provisional Government" variety. The following British stamps have already received this latest imprint—4d., 1d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 5d., 6d., 7d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 11d., 12d., 13d., 14d., 15d., 16d., 17d., 18d., 19d., 20d., 21d., 22d., 23d., 24d., 25d., 26d., 27d., 28d., 29d., 30d., 31d., 32d., 33d., 34d., 35d., 36d., 37d., 38d., 39d., 40d., 41d., 42d., 43d., 44d., 45d., 46d., 47d., 48d., 49d., 50d., 51d., 52d., 53d., 54d., 55d., 56d., 57d., 58d., 59d., 60d., 61d., 62d., 63d., 64d., 65d., 66d., 67d., 68d., 69d., 70d., 71d., 72d., 73d., 74d., 75d., 76d., 77d., 78d., 79d., 80d., 81d., 82d., 83d., 84d., 85d., 86d., 87d., 88d., 89d., 90d., 91d., 92d., 93d., 94d., 95d., 96d., 97d., 98d., 99d., 100d.

The Bishop of Durham protested against the suggestion to scrap the question of the Prayer Book revision. He said that he wanted to see the rest of England freed from London influence. Eventually the Archbishop of Canterbury's motion that the Assembly meet from July 2nd to July 13th for business was carried by a large majority.

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AUCTION BRIDGE DEFENSIVE PLAY.

[BY A.C.B.]

It is generally agreed by bridge players that it is very much easier for the declarer to play the cards in his hand and in the dummy than for his opponents to play their individual hands. The declarer has to make his contract and the game, but the declaration is his own choice. Dummy's hand and his own are presumably stronger than the others, and there is, moreover, the advantage of the "single command," and the fact that the declarer can see his partner's cards. The opponents, on the other hand, have no information of their collective strength or weakness other than what they can deduce from the declarations, if there have been any, and the subsequent play. They only discover the full strength of their combined hands as the game progresses, while the declarer knows his as soon as the first card is played. They are probably fighting a losing battle against heavy odds, and this requires the greatest amount of skill if utter disaster is not to overtake them.

The opponents of the declarer must remember that their role is a defensive one, the first object being to save the game. With the game once saved risks can be run in order to defeat the declarer's contract and to mulct him in penalties, but the saving of the game is more important, and should not be neglected for any thing else. When the game is irretrievably lost effort must be directed to the saving of as many tricks as possible, and, especially, to prevent the declarer securing a slam. By careful play, observation, judicious discarding, many a hand which is apparently useless may be made to win a trick which will save the game.

THE FIRST LEAD.

On the player who has the first lead a good deal depends, but if he has a sound knowledge of the recognised leads there is not much opportunity for him to go astray. If his partner has called a suit, or if he holds certain combinations of high cards, it is only a question of leading the card which experience (his own and the accumulated experience of all players) has shown to be the best in the circumstances. If playing against a trump declaration do not be afraid of leading your strong suit if the only risk is that the declarer may ruff it; by ruffing he must weaken his hand, and to force him to waste a small trump in this way may cripple his hand completely. Especially is this the case when there is the chance of leading through the declarer's hand up to a high card of the partner's. Suppose, for instance, that dummy holds the queen and one club, the declarer is known to have none, the opponent on the declarer's right has two small ones, and the opponent on his left the ace and one. If the ace is led the declarer will ruff it, and the queen will be good for a trick whenever the dummy gets in, but if the opponent on the declarer's right leads a small club, and it is ruffed, the ace will be held up, and the queen cannot make a trick.

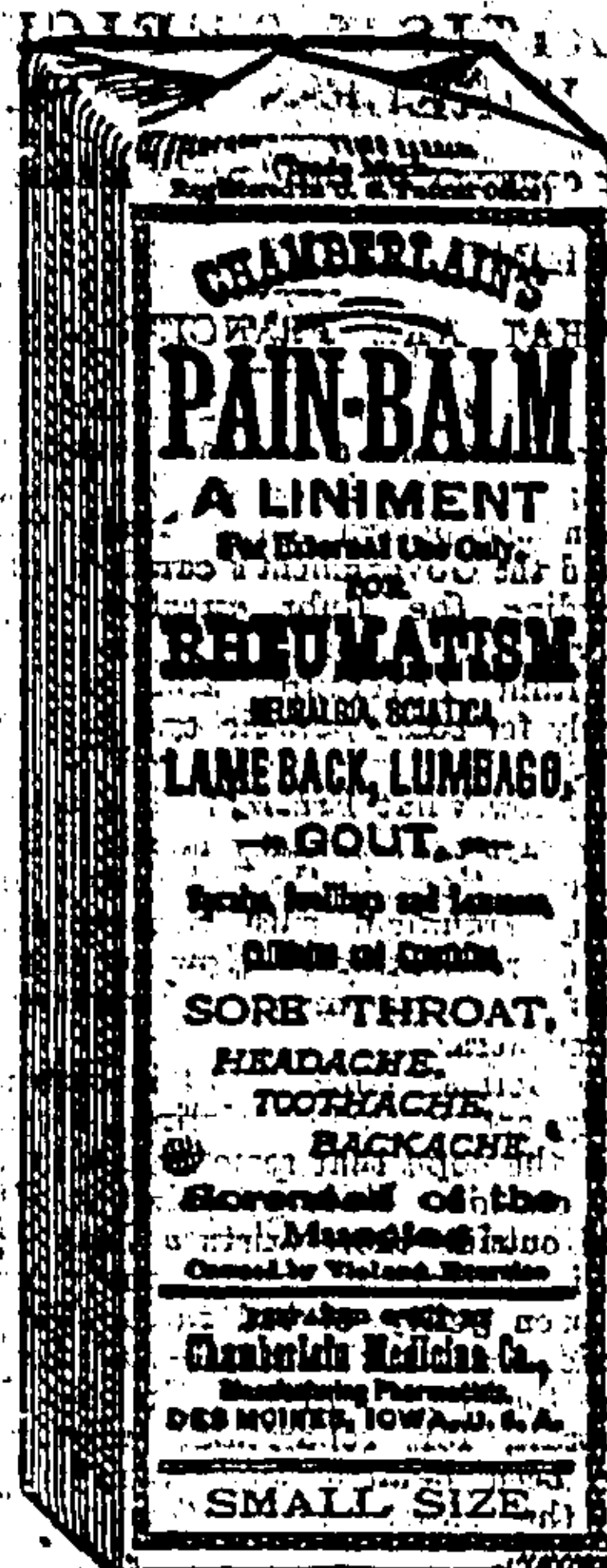
If it is generally sound play to force the strong hand to ruff, it is certainly wrong to give such an opportunity to the weaker hand, and it is likely that the trumps in the dummy will be used for this purpose, the trump suit should be led by the opponents. A particularly disastrous lead, which is, unfortunately, not as rare as one would suppose, is that which allows the declarer his choice of ruffing either in his own hand or in dummy's. To lead a suit of which both the opposing hands are void allows the declarer to ruff in one hand and to discard a possibly losing card from the other.

Many players consider themselves bound always to return their partner's lead, but there are, of course, many occasions on which this should not be done. If the partner has declared a suit but leads another he is probably, unless he is leading from a singleton in a trump declaration, waiting for his own suit to be led up to him; he may, in another case, merely be leading through the known strength in the declarer's or the dummy's hand, or leading up to their known weakness. Such speculative leads should not be misunderstood. The lead up to a weak suit in dummy's hand is an excellent one, and when possible a card just higher than dummy's best should be led.

The opportunity of helping your partner by covering an honour likely to be finessed should never be neglected. Suppose, for example that you hold the king of clubs, the ace, knave and a small club being in the dummy (on your left), and the queen is led from the declarer's hand. If the king is not put on the queen will win the trick and the suit will again be led, the ace and knave winning in dummy; but if the king is played on the queen the first trick must be taken by the ace, and your partner, if he holds the ten, must make a trick with it. The principle of covering an honour is a sound one but it must not be carried too far; with four cards of a suit it is generally wrong to cover and obviously it is no use covering when the partner cannot be helped by so doing.

FALSE CARDS.

It is of the greatest importance that the declarer's opponents should not deceive on another, and "false cards" should not be played by them. It is better that information should be given to the declarer than that it should be withheld from the partner, and no attempt to deceive the declarer should be made unless he will be the only one to be misled. To lead a knave when the queen is also in the hand, or to take a trick with a queen when the knave could have been used are two examples of misleading. (False cards continued at foot of next column.)



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cards." In the former case the partner will imagine the queen, and in the latter case the knave, to be in the declarer's hand, and will act accordingly, probably to the benefit of the declarer.

Many a player ruins his partner's hand by "trying" him in different suits regardless of the fact that he is by so doing playing the declarer's game. If a suit has been opened especially at no trumps, that suit should be persevered with unless there are very strong reasons to the contrary; to lead a fresh suit up to the declarer's hand is to invite disaster. Should a fresh suit have to be opened it would probably be better to put the declarer or the dummy in with some suit in which they are known to be strong, and which they are bound to make sooner or later, than to open up an unknown one.

In a no-trump hand great care should be taken not to block the partner's suit, and, if necessary, high cards must be thrown away in order that the command of the suit should not be taken from the partner. On the other hand every card should be taken to block a suit which the declarer is trying to establish. If, in no trumps, dummy has a long suit headed by the king, and no card of re-entry, the ace in an opponent's hand should be held up as long as possible to prevent the suit making good, even if this involves in the end the waste of the ace. Should there be a card of re-entry in the dummy, efforts should be made to remove it before the long suit is established or a higher card in the hand of the player on dummy's left should be preserved to prevent the re-entry.

It may be that a player will realize that a game cannot be saved unless a certain card is held by his partner, and in such circumstances he must play as though he knew as a certainty that the card was actually in his partner's hand. If the game will be lost anyhow if the card is not there no great harm can be done, and if it is there it is obviously better to play on the assumption that it is. But in this, and in all the other suggestions offered for defensive play, it is important that the play should be defensive, and no risk should be run when there is an alternative course which offers the certainty of saving the game. The one sure trick that saves the game is better than the problematical two or three which will defeat the declarer's contract. (Daily Telegraph.)

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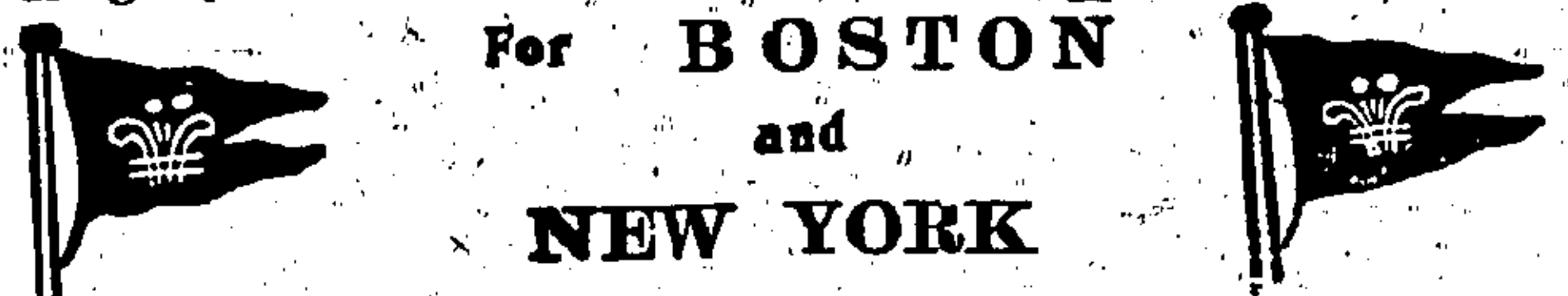
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STRAITS	Garbela	27th inst.
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Seigon	Hanyang	Noon
Bangkok	Yachang	Noon
Philippine Islands	Yachang	2.00 P.M.
Foshow	Yachang	2.30 P.M.
Seigon	Yachang	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Yachang	5.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Chun Sang	Saturday, 24th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok and Egypt	Palestine	8.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Amakusa Maru	Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Foshing	Monday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok and Egypt	Loomedon	2.00 P.M.
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Kuanghai and Baiphong	Loosang	Tuesday, 27th, 8.30 A.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Fushimi Maru	11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foshow	Haihong	Noon
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marquis, S. Africa India via D.Kodi, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles - due Marseilles 31st March	Kashima Maru	Wednesday 28th, Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Swatow	Wo Sang	9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foshow	Haihong	Friday, 2nd, Noon
Philippine Islands	Pres. Grant	3.30 P.M.

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Shak Ki	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Kongmoon	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.
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